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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, UNGA  
SUBJECT: UNSSOD PREPCOM V: MACHINERY DRAFTING GROUP  
CONSIDERATION OF INDIAN PROPOSAL ON NEW DELIBERATIVE  
BODY

REF: (A) USUN 394 (NOTAL), (B) USUN 395 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: AT APRIL 11 MEETING OF PREPCOM  
DRAFTING GROUP ON MACHINERY, INDIAN REP (M. A. VELLODI,  
SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS) PRESENTED  
REFORMULATION OF INDIAN PROPOSAL FOR A NEW DISARMAMENT  
DELIBERATIVE BODY (MADE AT PREPCOM IV -- SEE REFTELS).  
WESTERN AND SOVIET DELS EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM WITH  
REGARD TO UTILITY OF SUCH A NEW BODY. DRAFTING  
GROUP ADJOURNED AT NOON APRIL 11 UNTIL APRIL 12 A.M.,  
TO PERMIT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ESPECIALLY AMONG  
NON-ALIGNED WHO HAVE NOT YET TAKEN POSITION ON INDIAN  
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REFORMULATION. END SUMMARY

2. NOTING SKEPTICISM EXPRESSED BY SOME DELS WITH  
REGARD TO INDIAN PROPOSAL, VELLODI SAID HE WISHED  
TO MAKE STATEMENT ON THIS PROPOSAL ON BEHALF OF  
INDIA; HE EMPHASIZED HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO CLEAR  
THIS STATEMENT WITH NON-ALIGNED GROUP. INDIAN PRO-

POSAL, HE STATED DID NOT INVOLVE DISSOLUTION OF CCD, NOR DID IT IMPLY A CHANGE IN FUNCTION OF FIRST COMMITTEE, WHICH IS STOCK-TAKING BODY NOT ABLE TO CONDUCT DETAILED DELIBERATIONS. HE SAID NEW DISARMAMENT DELIBERATIVE BODY WOULD HAVE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS: (1) PROVIDE THE NECESSARY OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR FOLLOWING UP SSOD I; (2) FORMULATE PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES GOVERNING DISARMAMENT AND THE REGULATION OF ARMAMENTS (NOTE: THIS LANGUAGE IS DERIVED FROM ARTICLE 11 OF THE UN CHARTER); (3) FACILITATE COORDINATION OF EXISTING AND FUTURE AD HOC COMMITTEES OF THE GA (E.G., AD HOC COMMITTEES ON INDIAN OCEAN AND WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE); (4) CONSIDER RELEVANT STUDIES; (5) STUDY DISARMAMENT/DEVELOPMENT LINK; (6) FOLLOW-UP EXISTING AGREEMENTS; (7) GIVE IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION TO RELEVANT PROPOSALS (E.G., FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR DISARMAMENT VERIFICATION AGENCY, DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT ORGANIZATION); (8) PREPARE AND ORGANIZE WORK IN CONNECTION WITH REVIEW CONFERENCES AND FUTURE SSODS; (9) CONSIDER IMPORTANT LEGAL ISSUES CONNECTED WITH DISARMAMENT; (10) DISSEMINATE INFORMATION. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, VELLODI NOTED THAT CONTRARY TO HIS EARLIER FORMULATION AND TO FORMULATION CONTAINED IN NON-ALIGNED PAPER (A/AC.187/55 ADD. 1, PAGE 7), HE NO LONGER PROPOSED THAT NEW DELIBERATIVE BODY ELABORATE

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A COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM, WHICH HE NOTED GA HAD ENTRUSTED TO CCD WHICH HAS BEGUN THIS TASK. VELLODI ALSO SAID THAT THE NEW DELIBERATIVE BODY WOULD NOT SUPERVISE THE WORK OF THE CCD, ALTHOUGH PRINCIPLES FORMULATED BY IT COULD HAVE BEARING ON CCD.

3. SOVIET DEL (VAVILOV) COMMENTED INDIAN PROPOSAL AS REFORMULATED HAD "VAST IMPLICATIONS" AND ASKED THAT INDIANS PROVIDE FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF PROPOSAL. HUNGARIAN DEL QUESTIONED UTILITY OF ESTABLISHING A NEW BODY. UKDEL (FULLER) NOTED UNDESIRABILITY OF PROLIFERATION OF UN BODIES. FRENCH DEL (D'AMECOURT) SAID POSSIBLE CREATION OF NEW DISARMAMENT DELIBERATIVE BODY SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY FROM REFORM OF FIRST COMMITTEE, WHICH COULD ITSELF BE THE DISARMAMENT DELIBERATIVE BODY. USDEL (FISHER) SAID VELLODI'S REMARKS REQUIRED CAREFUL STUDY. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE EXISTING UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION HAD NOT MET FOR THIRTEEN YEARS, AND QUESTIONED WHETHER THERE WAS REALLY A USEFUL ROLE THAT A NEW BODY COULD PLAY. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A NEW BODY WOULD STRETCH THE LIMITED MANPOWER RESOURCES OF GOVERNMENTS

AND CONSEQUENTLY DETRACT FROM THE EFFICIENCY OF THE CCD. FINALLY, HE SUGGESTED FIRST COMMITTEE COULD CONTINUE TO SERVE AS THE DELIBERATIVE BODY ON DISARMAMENT. IN ONLY NON-ALIGNED COMMENT ON VELLODI STATEMENT, NIGERIAN REP (CCD AMBASSADOR ADENIJI) STATED NEW BODY COULD BE CALLED UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION AND COULD SEND ANNUAL REPORT TO FIRST COMMITTEE; HE SAID CREATION OF NEW BODY SHOULD NOT AFFECT CCD.

4. IT WAS AGREED MACHINERY DRAFTING GROUP WOULD NOT MEET APRIL 11 P.M. IN ORDER TO PERMIT DELS TO REFLECT AND CONSULT ON VELLODI STATEMENT. BARTON GROUP INTENDS TO DISCUSS INDIAN PROPOSAL AT ITS APRIL 12 A.M.

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